

Sat. June 12

Dear Mary & Mike,

It has started to shower a bit and it has been a warm day with the temperature in the 80's. The hot weather has begun for the summer and we keep the draper and door closed during the day. At night we open the door and windows, but it will be fall before we get the blankets out again.

It's too bad that you can't visit us, but it is easy to see that Mike could probably work 24 hours/day and still not finish all the jobs for which he is responsible. After I think over I'm sure you will

all take a break and then you can come and see us. Of course, we may not be here by then but I guess you would be happy to go anywhere. We had a good time showing Mom and Dad around. They are so enthusiastic about seeing and doing things that it was a real pleasure.

The trip to Florida turned out to be a perfect vacation. We stayed with Murray who had lots of ideas about things to do, including the trip to the Bahamas. The beach on Grand Bahama is just like a dream of a tropical island. It has

palm trees, white sand, and
a surf temperature over 80°.

Our first day we stayed there
too long and got sunburned
a bit. Today I am peeling.

The island has two casinos
for visitors only - no permanent
residents allowed inside. They
are European-styled and very
luxurious as is most of
this tourist island. Three days
is about all one can afford
although the package deal in-
cluded a free plane ride over
and a free car while there.
You should really try to
get there sometime.

We are taking it easy today -
just reading and drinking beer.
Last night we went to Wash-
ington, ate Japanese food, and
went to a show. We are
listening to old songs on the
radio which makes me nostalgic
and think about all the times
I heard them before. Also, I
am getting restless about moving
and think soon I will look
for a job in California. We
are having a good time in the
East but don't want to settle
down. Oh, by the way, Vickie
found a black widow spider
in our woodpile today. They
are rather common in this area,

but this was the first we
had ever seen. It was quite
big and hanging upside down
so we could easily see the
bright red houlglans on the belly.
They ~~look~~ like woodpeckers so
I am afraid there are more
around.

Sunday Murray is stopping
by on his way to New York
~~for the summer~~. If he can find
a job in the Catskills we
will go up there sometime.

In August I hope to take
a course in modern radar
in Los Angeles. If it works out,
we will get a week out there.

bye for now — Jim
